

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-135
Docket No. 2002-682

VERIZON MAINE
Petition for Consolidated Arbitration

August 19, 2004

VERIZON-MAINE
Proposed Schedules, Terms,
Conditions and Rates for Unbundled
Network Elements and Interconnection
(PUC 20) and Resold Services (PUC 21)

PROCEDURAL ORDER

I. BACKGROUND

On July 15, 2004, I issued a Procedural Order which set a schedule for development of a consolidated issues list for this proceeding. The schedule called for parties to exchange individual issues lists and then to meet here at the Commission on August 19-20th to develop the consolidated list. On July 27, 2004, AT&T filed a motion for an extension of time for both the exchange of lists and negotiations with Verizon. On July 29, 2004, AT&T's Motion was denied, though the date for filing lists was extended from July 30th to August 2nd. On August 2nd, parties filed their issues lists.

On August 13, 2004, Verizon, via e-mail, proposed to the other parties that they work together to develop a matrix which outlines the status of each unbundled network element and that the face-to-face meeting at the Commission be delayed. (A copy of Verizon's e-mail and draft matrix are attached.) AT&T, MCI, Conversent, the CLEC Coalition, GWI, and the Competitive Carrier Group responded to Verizon's e-mail. (Copies of the responses are attached.) While each had a slightly different view of Verizon's proposal and the tasks that needed to be accomplished, the generally agreed with the process proposed by Verizon.

II. DECISION

We have reviewed all of the e-mail responses to Verizon's proposal for the development of a UNE matrix as a first step for developing an litigation management issues list. We appreciate the perspective of each of the parties and think they each have merit. In particular, we believe the decision reached by the Commission last week made clear that section 271 issues will be included in this proceeding. However, we also point out that this proceeding has always included, and will continue to include, issues associated with the terms and conditions under which Verizon offers section 251 UNEs.

Accordingly, we will cancel the sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week so that the parties may devote time to working on the proposed matrix. In order to ensure that the process continues to move forward, we request that a draft of

the matrix be e-mailed to us by **12:00 noon on August 25th**. We encourage all parties to work diligently on this matter. We will hold a conference call on Thursday morning, **August 26, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.** to discuss next steps. The dial-in number is as follows:

No. 620-584-8200
Pin: 173464

If we find that no progress is being made, we will re-schedule the face to face meetings for early September.¹

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

Trina M. Bragdon

¹This decision was communicated via e-mail to the parties on August 17th so that travel plans could be cancelled in a timely matter. A copy of the e-mail is attached.